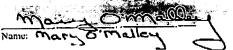
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

This is an amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed from the PTO on September 24, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in light of the amondments and remarks herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 5 of this document. Claim 72 has been canceled, claims 25, 29, 40, 42, 47, 63, 64, 70, 73, 74, and 81 have been amended.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this document.